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(B) ANKARA 1453 (DTG 241415Z FEB 78)

1. SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION: IN ADDITION TO STRAIGHT
REPORTING OF NIMETZ VISIT REPORTED REFTELS, EDITORIALISTS
HAVE USED OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY FOLLOW-UP TO SECRETARY
VANCE'S VISIT IN JANUARY TO COMMENT ON TURKISH RELATIONS
WITH THE US, NATO, AND THE USSR, THEIR GENERAL
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TENDENCY IS TO STRESS--APPROVINGLY--THE MORE ACTIVE
FOREIGN POLICY BEING FOLLOWED BY ECEVIT. END SUMMARY
AND INTRODUCTION.

2. GUNERI CIVAOGU, WRITING IN OPPOSITION TERCUMAN
ON FEBRUARY 23, COMMENTS THAT ECEVIT, WHO HAS A KNIFE AT HIS
BACK BECAUSE OF FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS, IS SEEKING NEW

BALANCES. WHILE THERE IS NO QUESTION OF ECEVIT'S TRYING TO BLACKMAIL THE WEST AS A STRATEGY NOR THREATEN TO SLIP TO THE THIRD WORLD, IT IS STILL REASONABLE FOR TURKEY TO EXPAND HER RELATIONS IN THE ERA OF DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND WITH THE THIRD WORLD. EVEN DURING THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENTS TURKEY BENEFITTED FROM SOVIET CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY AND INCREASED TRADE WITH THE EASTERN BLOC. THE DIALOGUE INITIATED IN RECENT TIMES WITH THE ISLAMIC WORLD IS ALSO PART OF THIS STRATEGY, ACCORDING TO CIVAAGLU. HE CONTINUES THAT TURKEY DOES NOT WANT TO CARRY THE IMAGE OF A "DOOMED MEMBER" OF THE WEST, BUT WANTS TO BECOME A MEMBER SHARING BENEFITS AND SACRIFICES EQUALLY. IN ORDER FOR RELATIONS WITH THE WEST TO BE HEALTHY, HOWEVER, THE ECONOMY MUST BE HEALTHY.

3. OKTAY EKSI, WRITING IN MASS APPEAL HURRIYET, MAKES THE FOLLWOING COMMENTS: THE TURKISH-AMERICAN DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT SEEMS TO BE UNDER REVISION BEFORE IT HAS EVEN BEEN PUT INTO APPLICATION. BOTH NATIONS SEEM TO BE TRYING TO REPAIR THEIR RELATIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN HARMED OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS. ASKING "IS THIS POSSIBLE", EKSI ANSWERS, "TO A DEGREE IT IS". HE SAYS, HOWEVER, THAT IT WILL NOT EVER BE POSSIBLE TO RETURN TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS TO THEIR FORMER WARM, EVEN TOO CLOSE, STATE. EKSI SAYS THAT THE DELEGATIONS MUST KEEP TWO THINGS IN MIND: (A) EVEN IF RELATIONS CANNOT UNCLASSIFIED

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BE RESTORED TO THEIR FORMER LEVEL, IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO MAKE THEM AS GOOD AS EXISTING CONDITIONS WILL ALLOW; (B) BOTH SIDES MUST UNDERSTAND THAT TURKEY HAS TO FIND A WAY TO OVERCOME HER OWN NATIONAL DEFENSE PROBLEMS FROM HER OWN RESOURCES.

4. CUNEYT ARCA YUREK, ALSO WRITING IN HURRIYET ON FEB 23, SAYS THAT IN THE SIX MONTHS SINCE MR NIMETZ FIRST VISITED ANKARA THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED. ERBAKAN IS NO LONGER IN THE GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT IS UNITED IN ITS OPINION. THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN UP FOREIGN POLICY AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS. TURKEY MUST INFORM MR NIMETZ THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD PURSUE AN EVENHANDED POLICY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, ACCORDING TO ARCA YUREK. TAKING SIDES ONLY MAKES MATTERS WORSE. HE ADDS THAT THE US MUST REMOVE THE EMBARGO AND HAVE CONGRESS PASS THE DCA IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE IF THIS ISSUE REMAINS UNRESOLVED UNTIL APRIL, IT IS LIKELY TO BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. HE CONCLUDES, "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO EXPECT SACRIFICES ALL THE TIME FROM TURKEY, THE DOCILE CHILD, WHILE CARAMANLIS, THE SPOILED ONE, DOES AS HE PLEASES."

5. ALI SIRMEN, WRITING IN LEFTIST, OFTEN ANTI-US

CUMHURRIYET, SAYS THAT THE DIPLOMATIC TRIFFIC IN TURKEY HAS INCREASED SINCE ECEVIT TOOK OFFICE. THE DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPARTJENT COUNSELOR NIMETZ WILL DISCUSS RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES AND RELATIONS WITH NATO AS WELL, SINCE THESE ARE INSEPARABLE. SIRMEN ADDS THAT THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT HAS BROUGHT A NEW CONCEPT TO TURKEY'S NATIONAL DEFENSE AND FOREIGN POLICY, AND IT IS INEVITABLE THAT THIS NEW OUTLOOK WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH NATO AND THE US.

6. PRESIDENTIAL CONTINGENT SENATOR METIN TOKER WRITES IN HURRIYET FEBRURAY 24 THAT TURKEY TODAY IS COOL TOWARD THE WEST AND THE US. HE SAYS THAT THE COOLNESS IN RELATIONS WITH THE US, WHICH STARTED WITH THE JOHNSON LETTER, HAVE PEAKED WITH THE ARMS EMBARGO PLACED ON TURKEY. TOKER
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ADDS THAT THE WORST PROBLEM FACING THE ECEVIT GOVERNEMENT IS THE SHABLES LEFT BEHIND BY THE FORMER GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE FINANCIAL AREAN. ACCORDING TO TOKER, RESOURCES MUST BE FOUND TO OVERCOME THE SHORTAGE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE IMMEDIATELY. TURKEY IS PARTLY TO BLAME FOR WASTING HER RESOURCES, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, HER FRIENDS ARE TO BLAME, TOO, FOR TRYING TO THROTTLE HER. ECEVIT IN THIS RESPECT IS NOW TRYING TO REVISE TURKEY'S IMAGE IN THE WORLD FROM "A NEEDY COUNTRY" TO "A COUNTRY WHO IS NEEDED BY OTHERS".

7. NECATI ZINCIRKIRAN, WRITING IN GUNAYDIN ONN FEBRUARY 24, SAYS THAT TURKEY HAS ALWAYS STATED THAT SHE SEEKS CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION BUT INTENDS TO REMAIN WITHIN NATO. THIS THESIS HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE SOVIETS, WHO WOULD REALLY PREFER TO SEE TURKEY FULLY INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALIGNED. ZINCIRKIRAN COMMENTS THAT TURKEY SHOULD EXPAND HER RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE THIRD WORLD,WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MAINTAINING A CAREFUL BALANCE WITH THE WEST.
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